



Ocala

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2026

4:00 PM

1. Call To Order

a. Roll Call

Present	Carol Barber Jane Cosand Rick Hugli Joshua DeMonte Tom McCullough
Absent	Holland Drake
Excused	Noelle Smith

2. Public Meeting Notice Acknowledgement

The public notice for the Ocala Historic Preservation Board was posted on March 18, 2026

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVER: Rick Hugli

a. February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

MOVER: Rick Hugli

SECONDER: Jane Cosand

4. Certificates of Appropriateness

b.

Attachments: [COA26-0006 Staff Report](#)
[COA26-0006 Application](#)
[1116 SE 5th St Master Site File](#)

Economic Development Project Coordinator, Charlita Whitehead, provided a brief overview of COA26-0006 a request to install a six-foot-tall wall.

Kevin Reed, 1116 SE 5th Street, Ocala, Florida, stated he would like to install a wall identical to his neighbor's for his family's safety due to recent events in the Historic District.

Ms. Cosand asked what his plan was for landscaping. Mr. Reed responded that it will look exactly like the neighbor's.

Ms. Barber asked if the wall will be one straight line. Mr. Reed responded that the plan is

to build the wall parallel to the house and down to the southwest corner. Ms. Barber asked if he had a contractor to build the fence. Mr. Reed responded that Barry Mansfield will be the contractor.

Mr. Reed emphasized that the wall will look identical to his existing neighbor's wall.

Carol Roberts, 1107 SE 7th Street, Ocala, Florida, stated there has been a change of feeling in the neighborhood. She supports her neighbor's decision to build a wall and believes it will add value to the neighborhood.

Ms. Cosand stated she feels it is a reasonable request and that with the foliage it will be in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards.

Motion to approve COA26-0006 to install a six-foot-tall wall with conditions for the vegetation of creeping fig to match the neighbor's.

MOVER: Jane Cosand

SECONDER: Rick Hugli

c.

Attachments: [COA26-0012 Staff Report](#)
[COA26-0012 Application](#)
[Master Site File 906 E Fort King St](#)

Economic Development Project Coordinator, Charlita Whitehead, provided a brief overview of COA26-0012 a request to replace the existing wood fencing with ornamental black aluminum fencing; install stairs from the lower carport to the upper deck; enclose and expand the existing screened porch for additional interior space; replace the upper deck railing; remove exterior shutters and window screens for repair and restoration of the window trim; and relocate existing windows and doors as part of the addition and interior reconfiguration.

Ms. Cosand stated this would not be in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, as they encourage porches to remain open.

Ms. Barber asked if the shutters would be replaced. Charlita responded yes.

John Harris, 906 East Fort King Street, Ocala, Florida, stated they had moved to Ocala shortly before Thanksgiving and wanted to be good stewards of the home. He explained that the focus was to improve and maintain the exterior of the home, including fencing and adding a railing to the carport extension for safety. He also stated they wished to enclose the porch so that the bedroom could be located on the main floor due to recent surgeries.

Ms. Cosand stated the board had never approved enclosing a porch. Mr. Demonte stated

the board should begin reconsidering its views in situations where a family is attempting to restore and preserve a home rather than demolish it.

Stacey Harris, 906 East Fort King Street, Ocala, Florida, stated that prior to purchasing the home, it had been under contract for commercial use. She explained that everything they intended to do with the home would be appropriate and attractive for residential use, and that it would be difficult for anyone to purchase and convert the property for commercial purposes.

Motion to approve COA26-0012 with the conditions presented by staff.

Ms. Cosand opposed the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Carol Barber

SECONDER: Rick Hugli

5. Affirmative Maintenance

None.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Board Comments

Ms. Cosand asked if staff could set up a workshop to review the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

9. Next Meeting Date: May 7, 2026

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.